

**Amendments to the Claims:**

**Listing of Claims:**

1-7. (cancelled)

8. (currently amended) A socket apparatus, comprising:  
a socket having contacts disposed therein; and  
a lid pivotally coupled to the socket, wherein pivotal motion of the lid opens  
and closes the contacts. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the pivotal motion causes  
actuation arms to slide along a shaft.

9. (original) The apparatus of claim 8, wherein the arms actuate levers that open  
and close pins in the socket.

10. (cancelled)